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CONGRATULATING FT. ZUMWALT
SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ON ITS
BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ft. Zumwalt South High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Ft. Zumwalt South High School for a job well done.

DULLES ACADEMIC CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dulles High School on being named the 2015 6A Academic State Champions. This win marks Dulles' third state title in four years.

This impressive achievement brought the gold medal to Dulles for the third time in just four years. This year's win also marks the eighth consecutive academic championship title for Fort Bend ISD. Dulles earned first place team honors in Science, Math, and Speech and Debate and second place team honors in Number Sense. No doubt, these students worked diligently all year to win this championship. Their success would not have been possible without the support of their teachers, principal, and parents. We are all looking forward to the continued achievements of this bright group of students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Dulles High School's Academic State Champions. This victory makes the entire Fort Bend ISD community proud.

RECOGNIZING MOMS2B PROGRAM

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Moms2B program in Columbus, Ohio for receiving the Supporting the Safety Net Award from the Association of Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP). The award was given at the 2015 ACAP CEO Summit. ACAP works with not-for-profit Safety Net Health Plans in their efforts to improve the health of lower-income and vulnerable populations.

Moms2B was founded in 2010 and began as a 10-week nutrition course. The program

has now grown into a multidisciplinary program with a variety of healthcare professionals serving the neighborhoods of Columbus.

The program is designed to address maternal and infant health issues in low-income communities with high rates of infant mortality. Specifically, there is a focus on helping pregnant women deliver full term, healthy babies. Moms2B also partners with a variety of organizations, including the American Red Cross, The Mid-Ohio Food Bank, the Ohio State University Outreach and Engagement, and many others in an effort to improve their outreach and care to the families in Central Ohio.

Moms2B has enrolled more than 350 women into the program, and has seen great success in its short time in operation. Through August 2013, program participants had a 50 percent reduction in low birth weight babies compared to the Medicaid expected number.

Winning the ACAP Supporting Safety Net Award is a true testament to the incredible impact Moms2B has had on families in Central Ohio. On behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District, I thank Moms2B for all they do for our community and wish them continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING FATIMA HIGH
SCHOOL ON ITS BRONZE MEDAL
AWARD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fatima High School on its Bronze Medal Award as a top Missouri High School from U.S. News and World Report.

This school's administration, teachers, and students should be commended for all of their hard work throughout the past year and for their commitment to education.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Fatima High School for a job well done.

2015 CARNEGIE HALL NATIONAL
YOUTH ORCHESTRA

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 2015 National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America.

Each summer, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute brings together some of the finest young musicians from across the country to form the prestigious National Youth Orchestra. The musicians, ranging from ages 16–19 years old, undergo a comprehensive audition process; the 114 talented, dedicated musicians who are selected reflect the breadth, diversity and quality of young musicians in the United States.

After an intensive two-week training residency at State University of New York Purchase College with faculty from some of the country's finest professional orchestras, the players travel the world on an annual tour to top music capitals. Our musicians have the

opportunity to interact with local young musicians and sightsee wherever they travel, and they inspire their audiences with their music-making.

In its inaugural season in 2013, the Orchestra traveled to Russia and the UK. This year, from July 10–26, they will travel from New York City to China. In Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and four other cities, the Orchestra will share their talent with Chinese audiences while experiencing firsthand the richness of China's culture and history. As musical ambassadors for America, the orchestra will strengthen ties between citizens of the US and the People's Republic of China through culture.

I am thrilled to announce this summer's performers include two young musicians from my own Congressional district. Martine Thomas, 17, plays viola with the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. She was a member of the National Youth Orchestra's inaugural summer tour in 2013, and this will be her second appearance with the group. She enjoys spending her weekends busking at a farmers market and performing at assisted living centers. Additionally, Helen Wong, 17, plays violin and attends Webster Schroeder High School is a performer in this year's National Youth Orchestra. She enjoys performing piano and violin at senior centers and churches in her free time.

Participating in the arts can have incredible benefits on our nation's students. From higher test scores to better behavior, stronger critical thinking skills, and better decision making skills. Team building skills along that these students will cultivate in the orchestra are essential to today's interconnected workplace.

Again, I would like to congratulate all of the young musicians of the 2015 National Youth Orchestra and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES
SICILIANO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James Siciliano. Mr. Siciliano will be honored by the Italian American Memorial Association (IAMA) on July 18, 2015 and I would like to join with its members in congratulating Mr. Siciliano.

The son of first generation Italian Americans, Mr. Siciliano honors his heritage and continues to uphold the objective of the IAMA to promote social, cultural and recreational activities for the betterment of the residents of Long Branch, New Jersey. His dedication to the community and the IAMA is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

A native of Long Branch, Mr. Siciliano has been involved with the IAMA since childhood. Having participated in the IAMA Little League, Mr. Siciliano knows first-hand the positive influence the association's recreational and athletic activities have on the community's youth. As a member and President of the IAMA, he maintains active participation in the association and ensures its continued success. Under his leadership, the IAMA has grown in membership and activities. He also helped begin